Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services 2003 HSEES Events – Quarterly Summary * January 1 through March 31 (First Quarter)

JACKSON COUNTY

	Fixed Facility	Transportation	Total
County events this quarter:	3	2	5
Statewide events this quarter:	59	40	99

Types of Substances Released:

Carbon Monoxide Pesticide
Hydrochloric Acid Sulfuric Acid
Malathion

Number of Victims: 13

Types of Injuries Sustained:

Carbon monoxide poisoning (12)
Gastrointestinal problems, CNS symptoms, chemical poisoning (1)

Injury Outcomes:

Treated at hospital, not admitted (12) Treated at hospital, admitted (1)

Number of Events with Evacuations: 2

Number of People Evacuated: 25

Interesting Events:

February 2003 – An individual ingested malathion in an apparent suicide attempt at a private resident and was brought to the emergency room of a hospital. Toxic fumes were being emitted from the individual's body, which caused the hospital to evacuate and seal part of the emergency room, in addition to being closed to incoming ambulance, for several hours. A hazardous materials medical team was called to the hospital to treat the victim. Four other individuals who were in the residence were observed at the hospital as a precaution due to exposure to the fumes.

^{*} Preliminary data - subject to change